

Concessions In Licences For Restarting Closed Textile Mills

402. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal to the Reserve Bank of India to give concessions in licences for restarting the closed textile mills; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Textile labour Resettlement Fund Scheme

403. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Textile Labour Resettlement Fund Scheme and the relief being provided thereunder;

(b) whether the scheme has been successful in safeguarding the interests of labourers in Gujarat; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund has been set-up to provide interim relief to workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of a textile unit which has been closed down on or after 6th June, 1985 and has been registered either with Textile Commissioner, or under Industries (D&R) Act, 1951. Relief under the scheme is available only for 3 years on a

tapering basis- 75% of the wage equivalent in the first year of the closure of the unit, 50% in the second year and 25% of the wage equivalent in the 3rd year.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

[English]

Housing Facilities to Poor by national Housing Bank

404. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the special measures proposed to be taken by the National Housing Bank for Providing housing facilities to the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): National Housing Bank (NHB) being an apex level financial institution, one of its main functions is to provide refinance assistance to the primary lending institutions such as scheduled commercial banks, housing finance companies, apex cooperative housing finance societies etc. The refinance scheme of the Bank have been so structured that there is in-built bias in favour of poorer sections of the society. Further, the refinance schemes of NHB stipulate that all the loans upto Rs. 2 lakhs disbursed by the primary lending institutions for construction of a house upto 40 Sq. mtrs. would be fully refinanced by NHB. In case the area exceeds 40 Sq. mtrs. but the cost does not exceed Rs. 1.50 lakhs, refinance is available upto Rs. 1 lakh. The loans disbursed other than these, are not refinanced by NHB.

Similarly in the case of refinance for projects under the Land Development and Shelter Projects, it has been stipulated that 75% of the houses constructed should be of the size not more than 40 Sq. mtrs. and no house should have an area exceeding 120